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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jes F. Pascua

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the liner being micro perforated (claims 6) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 and 9-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Starlinger Huemer (cited by applicant).

The recitation “exactly one of the sack body and cover sheet are constructed from monoaxially oriented woven tape fabric” is met by Starlinger Huemer, which shows both the sack body and cover sheet being made from monoaxially oriented woven tape fabric. The recitation “exactly one of the sack body and cover sheet are constructed from monoaxially oriented woven tape fabric” does not preclude the other of the sack body and cover sheet from being constructed from monoaxially oriented woven tape fabric. Nor has the phrase been defined in the specification to mean only one of the sack body and cover sheet are constructed from monoaxially oriented woven tape fabric.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Starlinger Huemer and Wilharm.

Starlinger Huemer discloses the claimed device except for the sack having a liner that is larger than the sack body. Wilharm discloses that it is known in the art to provide a liner that is larger than an analogous sack. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the sack body of Starlinger Huemer with the liner of Wilharm, in order to reduce the stress at the bottom of the sack body when the sack is filled.

Regarding claim 8, Starlinger Huemer and Wilharm disclose the claimed invention, as discussed above, except for liner having thickness of about 5-100 μ m. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to make the liner of Wilharm with a thickness of about 5-100 μ m, since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the size of a component. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Rose*, 105 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1955).

6. Claims 1-3, 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Starlinger Huemer and Cook et al.

Starlinger Huemer discloses the claimed device except for the sack having a liner attached to the sack body by stitching. Cook et al. discloses that it is known in the art to stitch a liner within an analogous sack body. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the sack body of

Starlinger Huemer with the stitched-in liner of Cook et al., in order to protect the contents of the sack from moisture.

Regarding claim 8, Starlinger Huemer and Cook et al. disclose the claimed invention, as discussed above, except for liner having thickness of about 5-100 μ m. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to make the liner of Cook et al. with a thickness of about 5-100 μ m, since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the size of a component. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Rose*, 105 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1955).

7. Claims 1-3, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Starlinger Huemer and Beaulieu.

Starlinger Huemer discloses the claimed device except for the sack having microperforated liner with the sack body. Beaulieu discloses that it is known in the art to provide a microperforated liner within an analogous sack body. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the sack body of Starlinger Huemer with the microperforated liner of Beaulieu, in order to protect the contents of the sack from moisture while permitting ventilation.


Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jes F. Pascua whose telephone number is 571-272-4546. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Newhouse can be reached on 571-272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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